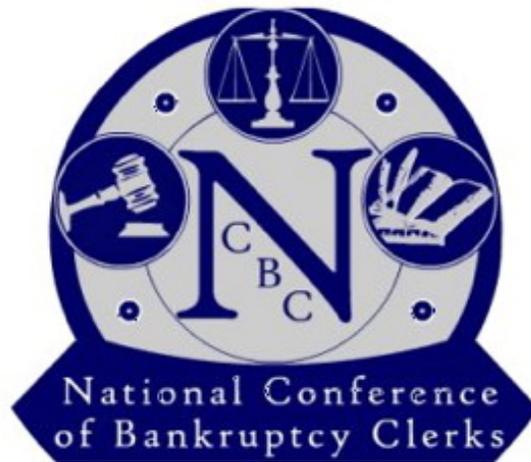


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## Special Election Edition

It's that time to vote for our next officers and board members. We had a record turnout, so it's an exciting race!

In this special edition, our candidates explain why they want your vote. I've also included an excerpt from the newly updated by-

laws describing each of the position duties and some basic logistics for the election.

So be sure and vote, in this election one vote can make the difference!

Thanks-

Sandy

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## 5.6 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

The President-Elect shall perform those tasks specifically assigned to him/her by the President, one of which shall be to supervise the work of the Committees described in section 11 herein. In addition, the President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

## 5.5 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

*(Editor's Note: I add this because the President-Elect becomes the President in 2 years)*

The President shall be the chief executive officer and preside at all meetings of the membership, all Board Meetings and Officers Meetings. The President shall sign all instruments requiring execution on behalf of the corporation, and shall sign all Resolutions approved by the Conference. The President shall perform all duties imposed by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The President is empowered to speak on behalf of the Conference, and the President's action shall be binding upon the Conference until such time as the membership or the Board of Governors approves a Resolution disavowing a President's action. The President is empowered to act for the Board when time is of the essence and the Board cannot timely meet, subject to any ratifying vote deemed appropriate by the Board at a later time.

### Candidates for President Elect

Mark Hatcher, *Western District of Washington*

### Candidate Statements for the position of President Elect

#### Mark Hatcher

I am very pleased to be nominated for the position of President-elect of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks (NCBC). I have been a member of the NCBC since joining the federal judiciary in 1991, and have previously served in a leadership position as an ad hoc member of the Board of Governors (2003-04) as well as served on various committees and subcommittees of the organization over the years, including the recruitment and membership committee. I have worked actively with the leadership of current and past NCBC boards as the organization has grown into a position of considerable influence.

I am familiar with the challenges and opportunities currently facing the bankruptcy courts, having served a two year term as a member of the Bankruptcy Clerk's Advisory Group and the Bankruptcy Court Advisory Council. Given this recent experience, I feel now would be an opportune time to shift my attention directly to

advocating the interests of bankruptcy clerk's office employees in a leadership role with the NCBC.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been with the bankruptcy court in western Washington (Seattle) for fifteen years, and have served as the Clerk for the past twelve. I believe strongly that everyone should have input into the policies and matters that affect their work life. This is exactly the platform that the NCBC provides and, as President-elect, I would work hard to represent the best interests of bankruptcy employees.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## 5.8 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall maintain complete and accurate records of the Conference's financial affairs, and shall furnish a report of the financial condition of the Conference to the President within two weeks following the close of every calendar quarter. The Treasurer shall prepare (or ensure accurate preparation of) and file such tax returns as may be required of the corporation by law. The Treasurer shall prepare and distribute to the full

Conference membership semi-annually a summary report of the financial transactions of the Conference. The Treasurer, as authorized by the Board, may invest funds not required for immediate expenditure.

### Candidates for Treasurer

Lucien Xavier Dimitri Adam, *District of Delaware*

Milton Aguila, *Southern District of New York*

Jeffery Dingman, *Northern District of New York*

John Ginocchetti, *Middle District of Pennsylvania*

### Candidate Statements for the position of Treasurer

#### Lucien Adam

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a candidate for Treasurer of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks. My name is Lucien Adam and I work at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court – District of Delaware in the Automation Department, as an Automation Support Specialist. I have been with the court for 4 years having started as a fresh college graduate. I graduated from Bucknell University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. I am currently in the final stages of completing my MBA in Finance from Wilmington College.

My past experiences in college have allowed me the opportunity to maintain a \$500,000 budget as part of an Appropriations Committee as well and all financial records pertaining to these funds. In my studies in pursuit of my MBA in Finance I have gained a great amount of knowledge pertaining to tax laws as well as financial management rules. I believe that with my experience and knowledge I can successfully fulfill the duties of Treasurer for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks.

#### Milton N. Aguila

Several members approached me to consider staying on the Board and declare my candidacy for the position of Treasurer. It is with great pleasure and honor that I

accept this challenge to run and serve if elected as the Treasurer of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks. During the last two years I had the privilege to serve as one of the Board Members of the NCBC during a time of huge challenges for the bankruptcy courts.

Currently, I am the Assistant Deputy-In-Charge of the Southern District of New York in the Poughkeepsie Division. Previous to this, I held the positions for a number of years of Case Administrator and Courtroom Deputy. These positions allowed me the opportunity to become more knowledgeable with the intricacies and the flow of the Bankruptcy Court. Prior to coming to the Bankruptcy Court I held the position of paralegal for nine years in the areas of litigation, real estate and bankruptcy. Additionally I served for six years as Sergeant for the U.S. Army working in the areas of administration and bookkeeping. I have been able to apply these experiences and contribute these varied skills to my service on the NCBC Board, and I hope you will give me the opportunity to continue to do so.

I have been a member of the NCBC for several years and have found its seminars to be very informative, and I always applied what I have learned to my daily work. This information has enabled me to improve my work-flow which is essential in an era where employee and budget resources have become a greater concern. But this is also a two-way street. As NCBC Treasurer, I will have the opportunity for sharing my knowledge of various facets of court operations to assist with a better work-flow process in this newly designed position.

I look forward to working with the new Business Manager to help NCBC become an even more professional and well-run organization.

And, I look forward to seeing you all in Rhode Island!

Thank you.

**Jeffery P. Dingman**

Hello fellow NCBC members. My name is Jeffery Dingman and I would be most appreciative of your vote. I am an Assistant Human Resources Specialist for the Northern District of New York, and have been a member of the NCBC for several years. Early in my career, I observed how the NCBC dedicated itself to the best interests of Court employees and knew that to be a part of such a respected organization would foster my professional growth. As the district representative, I always seek to attract additional members and disseminate new information.

During my 16 year tenure I have witnessed tremendous changes, which I know many of you can relate to. I think back how elated I was to receive a new electronic typewriter, and spent every free moment 'programming' it with automatic docket entries. I couldn't believe the time I was saving with this marvelous machine! Now every document is an electronic PDF file, and no one has to worry about who has

charged out the file you need. My duties, whether past, present or in a back-up capacity have included case management, courtroom deputy, ECRO, judicial assistant, telecommunications maintenance and various types of soft-skills and automation training.

You will find in me a high level of excitement and enthusiasm which I will bring to the office of Treasurer. Instill your confidence in me and I will dedicate the time and attention to uphold the continued improvement of the bankruptcy system through the NCBC's strong sense of integrity.

Thank you for considering me for the integral position of Treasurer. I would be honored to fulfill this duty.

**John Ginocchett**

My work experience as a financial executive includes both the private and public sector; with over 25 years in corporate finances and 14 years with the courts. Presently, I am the Chief Financial Officer for the U. S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Prior to this position I was the court's Financial Administrator. For the past several years I have been selected to perform financial audits for other court units within our district.

Also, I served two years in the military, one of which was in Vietnam, and I presently hold the voluntary position of Treasurer for my church.

My educational background is finance with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting received from Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

I believe my broad experience in finance together with my genuine willingness to serve qualifies me for the position of treasurer for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks of which I have held a membership for the past 14 years. If elected, I will perform the duties of treasurer in a conscientious and efficient manner and serve this organization of fellow court employees to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,  
John Ginocchett

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## 6.5 DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Each Governor shall be primarily responsible for undertaking at least one project, assigned or designated by the President or agreed upon by a majority of the Governors. The Board of Governors, individually and as a body, shall assist the President in formulating policy for the Conference.

### Candidates for the Board of Governors (two seats open):

Adrienne Atkin, *Northern District of Illinois*

Sharon Brown-Wilkinson, *Southern District of New York*

Laura Brundage, *Southern District of New York*

Linda Spaight, *District of Rhode Island*

Jerry Truitt, *Eastern District of Kentucky*

### Candidate Statements for the position of Board of Governors

#### Adrienne Atkins

Hello, My name is Adrienne Atkins, Deputy Clerk for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Illinois and I am pleased to announce my candidacy for a seat on the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks Board of Governors.

You may have met me at the 2004 conference passing out goodies encouraging you to attend the 2005 conference in Chicago. Or, you may have seen my smiling face at the registration booth helping to make sure your registration process went well during the 2005 conference. Since, 1999, I've been inspired by the work of the NCBC and I am eager to utilize my 15-year court experience, my energy and passion to help in the programs and initiatives of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks.

I believe I have the qualifications, the drive and commitment needed to be a good board member. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the conference as a member of the Board of Governors.

I have strongly contemplated – with the encouragement from current board members and colleagues at the court – the opportunity of being elected to the board of governors. I believe I have the training and campaigning skills to offer to the NCBC's board that could help augment membership.

My membership experience with NCBC has been rewarding in many respects. In 2003, I attended my first conference in Whitefish, Montana, although my membership dates back a few years earlier. Attendance at this conference proved to be enriching from what it offered educationally, socially, and recreationally. Since then I have become an avid supporter of the organization and its vision.

**Sharon Brown-Wilkinson**

As the Human Resources Specialist for the Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York for nineteen years, I believe that I have the platform to further the vision of NCBC. I have demonstrated a similar achievement with my involvement with the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Program. By virtue of my position with the court, I was entrusted with the responsibility of managing the CFC Program. For fifteen years, I have been the coordinator for the program in this division which contributes to more than 1600 charities.

Initially, I was only responsible for my court, whose donor membership was relatively small. With my efforts the donor membership has grown to 76% of the staff and their collective contributions often exceeding the yearly contribution goal. Moreover, the Division Chair has recognized my efforts over the years whereby promoting me to Loan Executive Officer (the person responsible for coordinating kick-off, arranging for speakers, and collecting contributions) of the division which has had an increase of 12% in donor membership and is currently meeting it's financial goals.

If elected, I would like to focus on two areas: working with the training development team to continue providing interesting and educational seminars. Also, applying the strategies and concepts I have gained from working with the CFC to build the NCBC's membership base.

Only through training and networking can we achieve the demands of the ever changing workplace environment.

Thank you.

**Laura Brundage**

Barry, our esteemed President, asked earlier in the year "Are you a passenger or do you want to drive?" After studying and reviewing the goals of the NCBC, I see the beneficial and crucial impact the organization has on its members as well as the judiciary. The NCBC has been instrumental in the lives of its members; be it educating them on the new law, advising the AO on the Work Measurement Formula or lending a helping hand to our bankruptcy family members in Louisiana. After careful consideration, I want to drive.

My name is Laura Brundage and I would like to declare my candidacy for an NCBC board member position. I am the assistant Deputy-in-Charge of the Southern

District of New York-White Plains division. I have been with the court for three years. Prior to joining the court, I was a practicing attorney representing mostly creditors, some debtors, in the bankruptcy courts. I am currently participating in the MSU's non-credit bearing certificate program. The program has helped expand my knowledge of the judiciary and more importantly the needs of the judiciary family.

I've met some of you at the conferences in Cincinnati and Chicago, an operational forum in Washington D.C. and a training seminar in Kansas City, Missouri. I look forward to reconnecting with my old friends and making new friends in Newport. I've been so impressed and humbled with the intelligence, care and commitment of the deputy clerks and clerks of the bankruptcy courts. I am proud to be a member. The excellence of the NCBC is a direct result of its constituency.

So please hand me the keys, I'll do my best to maintain the excellent work of the NCBC as we drive into the future together.

**Linda Spaight**

Hi all, I am Linda Spaight and am a case administrator in the District of Rhode Island. I have been in the judiciary for fifteen years and have been a member of NCBC for most, if not all, of those years. As you already know, Rhode Island is hosting the annual conference this year and the planning and work that has gone into that project has inspired in me a desire to do more.

Locally, I have been involved in many court projects including, but not limited to, CM/ECF implementation and training, QC, IT, Knowledge Base, Bankruptcy Reform. Nationally, I have been appointed to three AO working groups – the Bankruptcy Methods Analysis Program, the Editorial Board for the Clerks' Manual and am the only case administrator serving on the Bankruptcy Reform Legislative Working Group.

Being involved at the national level has demonstrated just how important the NCBC is to our court family and our never-ending struggle with the recurring issues of budget, resources, staffing and, now, the new legislation. I would welcome and be honored by the opportunity to serve this organization which so well serves the membership.

I thank you for your consideration and would appreciate your vote.

**Jerry Truitt**

I have been clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky for 8 years. Prior to that, I was in private law practice with approximately sixty percent of my practice being before the bankruptcy court.

I was a member of the NCBC Board two years ago. I found two years wasn't enough

time to really be productive. By the time I “learned the ropes” and felt I was contributing, my two years was over. That is the primary reason I seek a second two-year term.

I am on the NCBC By-Law Committee which I have greatly enjoyed. We have worked hard to bring our early 1980 by-laws up-to-date. Among the suggestions is to allow a board member to run for a second term thereby, if elected, being able to contribute more to the NCBC. Please take a moment to review the suggested by-law changes on the NCBC website. [www.ncbcimpact.org](http://www.ncbcimpact.org).

I appreciate your consideration as I want the opportunity to contribute to the NCBC the next two years. It is our voice - it must remain strong.

Thank you and hope to see you in Newport!

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## 2006 NCBC Elections

We now go to Election Central (Linda Ball's office) for some details on how this election works:

Q. When can people expect to receive their ballots?

A. The ballots will be mailed no later than Saturday, July 15.

Q. How will they receive them?

A. They will receive them by mail at the address in the NCBC membership database (usually a home address)

Q. When should the ballots be returned?

A. The date is August 1. I would like to receive them by that date.

Q. How should the ballots be returned?

A. On the ballot form, there are 3 options for returning the ballot:

- 1) by mailing the ballot in the return envelope that is enclosed - don't forget to put postage on the envelope;
- 2) by emailing the ballot to: [Linda\\_Ball@ncmb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Linda_Ball@ncmb.uscourts.gov); or
- 3) by faxing the form to Linda Ball - 336-333-5136

Q. Who will receive a ballot?

A. Current members. Members can check the NCBC website under Member Access to see if they are listed as a current member. If a member does not receive a ballot by July 21, I would suggest that the member contact me or Celia so that we can ensure we have the correct address, etc.

Q. When will the candidates know the results?

A. After all of the ballots are counted, the information will be given to the NCBC President for announcement. The candidates will be contacted shortly after the results are known. I'm sure it will take me a few days to get these counted.

Q. How will the results be announced to the members?

A. The new officers/board members will be recognized at the conference.